



DECEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

Town Website: www.townofplymouthwi.com

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Town Hall: 8219 W. High St. Orfordville, WI 53576

Town Phone/FAX: 608-879-4012

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD: Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. *These are public meetings and everyone is encouraged to attend!*

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION: Meets the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. *These are public meetings and everyone is encouraged to attend!*

TOWN OFFICE HOURS: Town of Plymouth Office, located in the Plymouth Town Hall, is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and before the regular Town Board meeting on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30 – 7 p.m. For other times, contact Clerk Sue Douglas at 876-6112.

CURRENT ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

The Town Board has three voting members:

Town Chairperson: Lawrence Harding Jr.

608-879-2542; chairperson@townofplymouthwi.com

Supervisor/Ordinance Officer: Sean Snyder, 608-449-5800;

supervisor1@townofplymouthwi.com

Supervisor/Roads Official: Steven Reynolds, 608-879-2414;

supervisor2@townofplymouthwi.com

Other Elected Town Officials:

Clerk: Susan Douglas, 608-876-6112

clerk@townofplymouthwi.com

Treasurer: Tippy Phillips, 608-290-2211

treasurer@townofplymouthwi.com

TOWN INFORMATION AND LEGAL NOTICES

The Town of Plymouth website is the best place to locate information! Town notices are posted

in the following locations:

*Plymouth Town Hall

*American Legion Post 209, Orfordville

*Plymouth Sanitary District #1 Office

* Bass Creek Golf Club (seasonal)

*Farmers and Merchants Bank, Orfordville

*Town web site: www.townofplymouthwi.com

Please note: If notice is required to be published in a newspaper, the *Brodhead Independent Register* is used.



FROM THE CHAIRPERSON:

I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday season and a prosperous 2015.

Since being elected Chair in 2009 by you the residents, I have been blessed to have a dedicated and caring town board and committees to work with. In these past five plus years several positive achievements have been made both financially and to meet health, welfare and safety standards required by the Town's ordinances or statutorily. Here are a few of these accomplishments:

*The manufactured home park on Old Hwy 11 near Orfordville was closed after several years of severe town ordinance and state statute violations as well as other town nuisance properties dealt with following complaints.

*Our town was brought within WI Dept. of Revenue compliance by 100% assessment of all town properties.

*The Town of Plymouth Zoning Ordinance after receiving State DATCP Farmland Preservation Certification and integrating the 2005 comprehensive plan requirements is in its final stage of completion.

I hope residents appreciate the dedicated time and hard work done by members of Town Board, Planning and Zoning, Variance and Board of Appeals. I would encourage residents to offer to be on committees. New members are always needed as member terms rotate every three years.

Thank You again for allowing me to serve.

Larry Harding, Chair-Plymouth Town Board



TOWN CAUCUS: JANUARY 13, 2015

The caucus method is used by Town of Plymouth for nominating candidates for local offices. These candidates will be placed on the April 7, 2015 Spring Election ballot. Nominations are taken at the caucus for the Town Board: chairperson and 2 supervisors. Candidates for the clerk and treasurer positions are also nominated at the caucus. The caucus is open to the public, but only qualified electors of the Town of Plymouth may vote. Any person 18 years of age or older who is an United States citizen and has resided within the Town of Plymouth for at least 28 days before the caucus is considered a qualified elector.

NEW ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP PUBLIC HEARING

In the near future a Public Hearing will be held before the Plymouth Town Board adopts the Zoning Ordinance and Map. Keep checking the Town's website and posting locations for the exact date and time of the Public Hearing.

2015 TOWN BUDGET: At the November 18, 2014 Special Town Board meeting which followed a public hearing, the Town Board adopted its budget for 2015 in the amount of \$437,473. The Town of Plymouth Levy (General Local Property Taxes) was set at \$162,343.

2015 ANNUAL TOWN OF PLYMOUTH MEETING

On Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7 pm, the Town of Plymouth will have its Annual Town Meeting. This meeting provides an opportunity for Town of Plymouth residents to express their views, ask questions, and make decisions per State Statutes.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend. This is YOUR meeting!



CURBSIDE TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

Rock Disposal is our service provider for trash and recycling collection and will be sending a 2015 calendar of pick up dates to all residences. The cost for this service is listed as a special charge on property tax statements for parcels with residences. **TRASH** is collected **weekly** and **RECYCLABLES** collected **every other week on Wednesdays**. Everything should be placed in the carts provided by Rock Disposal.

ELECTIONS

All voting is held at the Plymouth Town Hall from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on each Election Day. Voters must be residents of the Town of Plymouth for at least 28 days before an election in order to vote here. If you need to register to vote or need an absentee ballot, contact Clerk Sue Douglas. Election Information can be found at the My Vote Wisconsin website: <https://myvote.wi.gov>

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: Meets the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

This committee reviews all plat, subdivision and zoning changes and approves Conditional Use Permits. Application form information and all forms are available at the Town Hall and on the Town's website: www.townofplymouthwi.com

Planning and Zoning Chairperson and Zoning Officer, Brad Inman, 608-921-8114. pz@townofplymouthwi.com

Planning and Zoning Members: Kathy LaBarre, 608-879-2542, Lee Schroeder, 608-751-4984, Tracey Snyder, 608-449-5801 and Charles Vogt, 608-879-2237.

BUILDING PERMITS: Building permits are required for new construction, structure changes, installing or relocating

plumbing, electrical, heating and venting or air conditioning equipment. Additions, alterations or structural repairs to buildings also require a permit.

Independent Inspections, LTD handles all building permits and inspections. Roland Hemmann is the building inspector assigned to Town of Plymouth; contact him at 262-894-2546 or Independent Inspections at 800-422-5220.

ASSESSMENTS: Town assessor, Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc., holds an **Open Book Session** every year in late spring. This is an opportunity for property owners to review their assessments, check for errors, compare assessments and request changes by providing evidence for the request. If a property owner is not satisfied with the assessment after attending Open Book, he/she may request to appear at the Board of Review which is held after the assessment roll is completed. For assessment information, contact Associated Appraisal Consultants, 800-721-4157.

ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY: All property owners as well as residents must adhere to keeping 30 to 33 feet from the center of the road otherwise known as the right-of-way clear of objects including but not limited to field crops and continuance use for vehicle parking. All intersections must have at least 150 feet clear view in every direction. Violation obstructions could be removed at the Town's discretion for the health, welfare, and safety of all citizens.

DID YOU KNOW?

- **BURNING:** Town of Plymouth Ordinance 1996-1 regulates burning in the Town of Plymouth. Contact the Orfordville Fire Department at 879-2122 for clarification on what can be burned and to inform them when you plan to burn.
- **DRIVEWAYS:** Permits are required for any new, replaced, or altered driveway. Contact Zoning Officer at 608-921-8114.
- **DOGS:** **ALL** dogs over 5 months of age must be licensed **EVERY** year by March 31st. Contact Treasurer at 608-290-2211.
- **FIRE NUMBER:** If your fire number is missing, damaged or simply faded you may order a replacement by contacting the Rock County Planning, Zoning and Development Office at 608-757-5587.
- **RAZE PERMIT:** A raze permit is required before any building or structure is taken down or removed from your property. Contact Building Inspector at 262-894-2546.
- **REGISTRATION:** When you register your vehicles with the Dept. of Motor Vehicles, make sure you indicate they are kept in the Town of Plymouth, not the city of your mailing address. It affects town revenues and taxes.
- **TOWN INFORMATION:** If you would like to automatically receive meeting notices and other important Town information by email, send your request to townofplymouth@gmail.com
- **WEEDS:** State Law requires property owners to destroy all invasive and noxious weeds on their property.
- **ZONING PERMIT:** A zoning permit is required before a building permit will be issued for new construction, additions, or other structure changes. Contact Zoning Officer at 608-921-8114.



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 13, 2015	Town Caucus and Town Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
February 17, 2015	Spring Primary Election, 7:00 am-8pm
April 7, 2015	Spring Election, 7:00 am-8pm
April 21, 2015	Annual Town Meeting
May 9, 2015	E-Waste Collection at Town Hall

HOW TO CONTACT US

***TOWN WEBSITE:** www.townofplymouthwi.com

*Send an email to: townofplymouth@gmail.com

*Call the Town Hall Office at **608-879-4012**

*Call the Town Chair, Larry Harding, at **608-879-2542**

*Call the Town Clerk, Sue Douglas, at **608-876-6112**